However, in order to provide relief measures to persons affected by natural calamities like drought, floods, etc., RBI has issued standing guidelines on 2-8-1984 to the banks. On the declaration where the District Collector certifies that the crop yield is below 50 per cent of the normal yield and District Consultative Committee is satisfied about it, quick relief measures have to initiated by banks as per guidelines.

The standing guidelines envisage *inter-alia,*

(i) Conversion of short term production loans into medium term loans.

(ii) Rescheduling/postponment of existing term loan instalments.

(iii) Provision of additional need based crop loans /working capital.

(iv) Relaxation in security and margin norms.

Loss of Foreign Exchange Through Foreign Airlines

@3760-C SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL: alias MEEM AFZAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) The amount of foreign exchange going out of the country through the foreign airlines in the last two years, Airlines-wise figures; and

(b) the amount of foreign exchange earned by Air India and Indian Airlines in the last two years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

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Opening of Four More Satellite Based T.V. Channels

3761. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have lately decided to open up four more Satellite based TV channels to cater to the various interests; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and in what way these are to be operated?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Doordarshan introduced five satellite channels from 15th August, 1993 viz. Entertainment, Sports, Business news & current affairs, Music and Enrichment. The programmes on these channels can be received in all parts of the country through an appropriate dish antenna. The programmes of the entertainment channel are also available terrestrially at Delhi, Bombay, Calcutta and Madras.

Co-Operation of PTI with IIMC

3762. DR. SHRIKANT RAMACHANDRA IICHKAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what is the nature of co-operation of PTI with the Indian Institute of Mass Communication;

(b) what is the financial expenditure involved in the co-operation;

(c) whether the IIMC has not become self-sufficient so that it does not require any co-operation from outside; and

(d) whether any evaluation has been done about the functioning of this Institute?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) and (b) While there is no collaboration between the IIMC and the PTI, the Institute avails of teleprinter services of PTI on payment of prescribed